

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS



MESA DRIVE ♦ MCCLINTOCK DRIVE ♦ RURAL ROAD

JUNE 2002

Bridges over U.S. 60 at Mesa and McClintock drives and at Rural Road will be renovated under a \$5.6 million contract awarded last month to Meadow Valley Contractors, Inc., Phoenix, by the State Transportation Board. Similar to projects at Dobson and Alma School roads, modifications at the Superstition Freeway crossings will alter existing bridge decks to provide dual left turn lanes, widen crossroad approaches north and south of the freeway, and enhance pedestrian walkways.

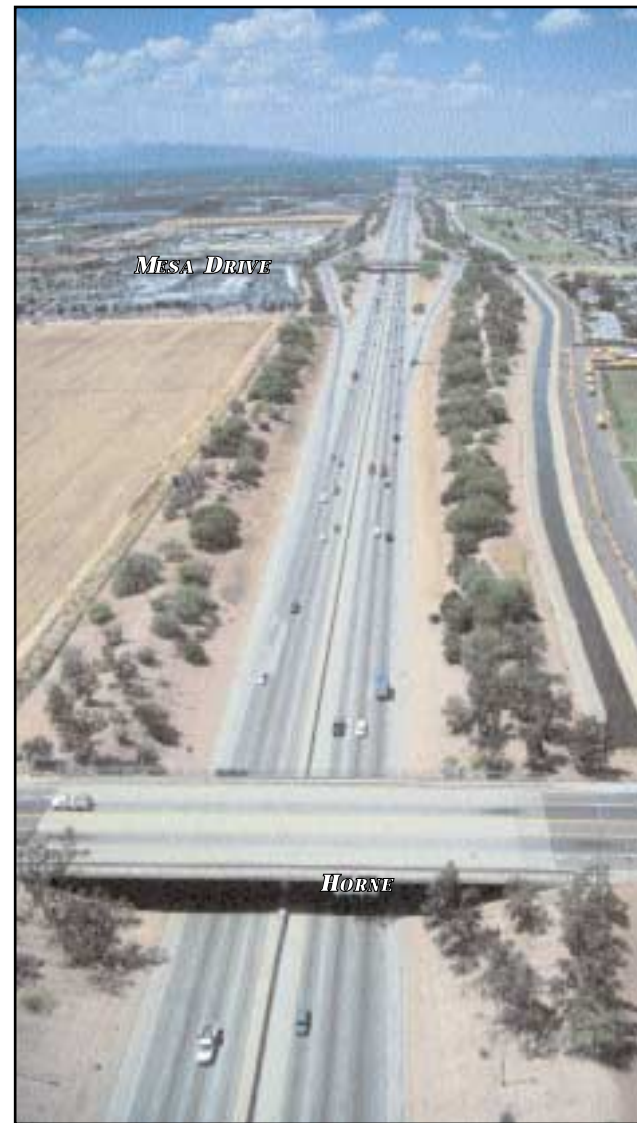
Construction sequencing will shift from one side of each structure to the other and end with reconstruction of median islands and installation of new traffic signals. Utility relocations will be completed first. **Lane restrictions and occasional overnight and weekend closures of the crossings and U.S. 60 will be required.**

Sidewalks will be removed at McClintock and Rural and new stand-alone pedestrian crossings will be constructed (on the east side at McClintock and the west side at Rural), improving pedestrian safety. Sidewalk removals clear a path for an additional turn lane to the Superstition's westbound lanes at both locations.

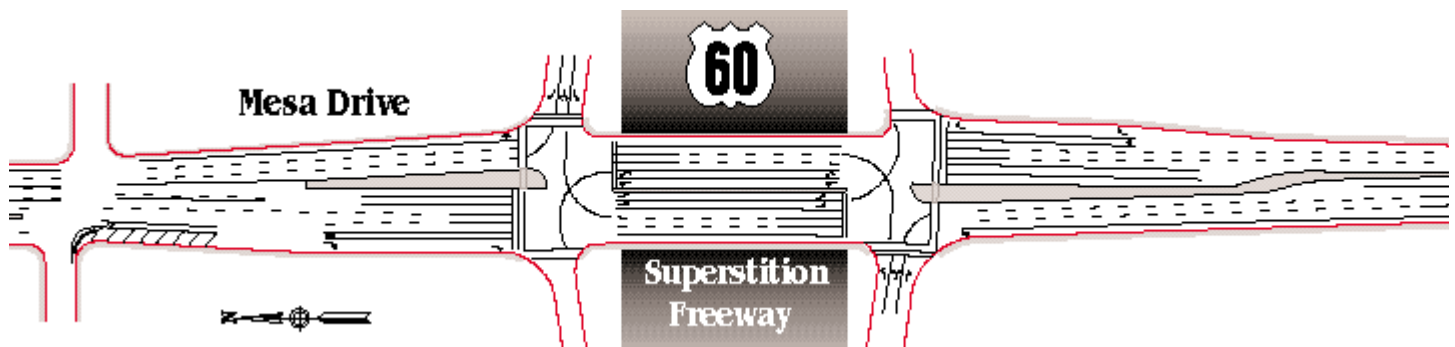
The Mesa Drive structure will be widened on both sides for additional lanes across U.S. 60, dual left turn lanes to eastbound and westbound freeway entrances, a dedicated bicycle lane and enhanced pedestrian walkways. Traffic across the freeway will be restricted to a single lane in each direction, with dedicated turn lanes to the freeway, during most of the project.

Work schedules will be closely coordinated with ongoing construction between Interstate 10 and Val Vista Drive to avoid unnecessary traffic detours and delays.

Bridge modifications at all three crossings will be finished by early '03.

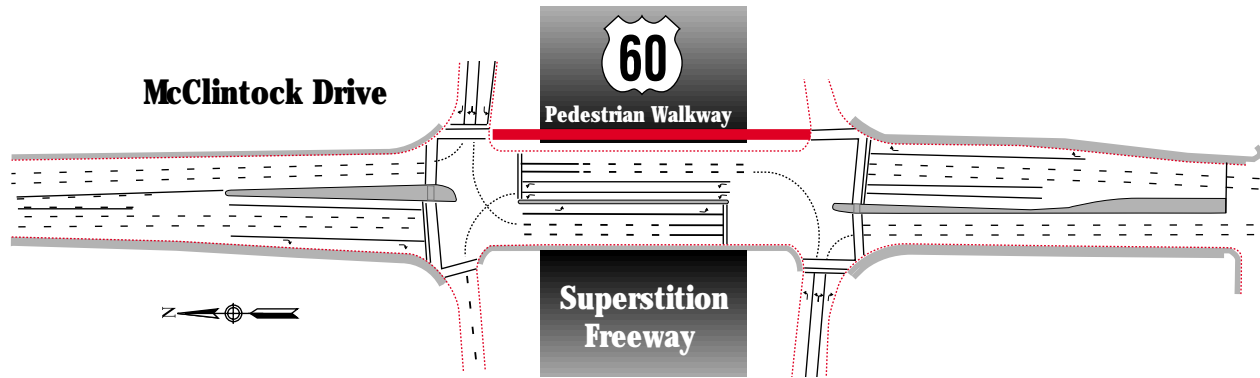


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McCLINTOCK DRIVE

RURAL ROAD



Pedestrian walkways and dual left turn lanes to westbound lanes of U.S. 60 will be added to crossings at Rural Road and McClintock Drive through three phases of construction.

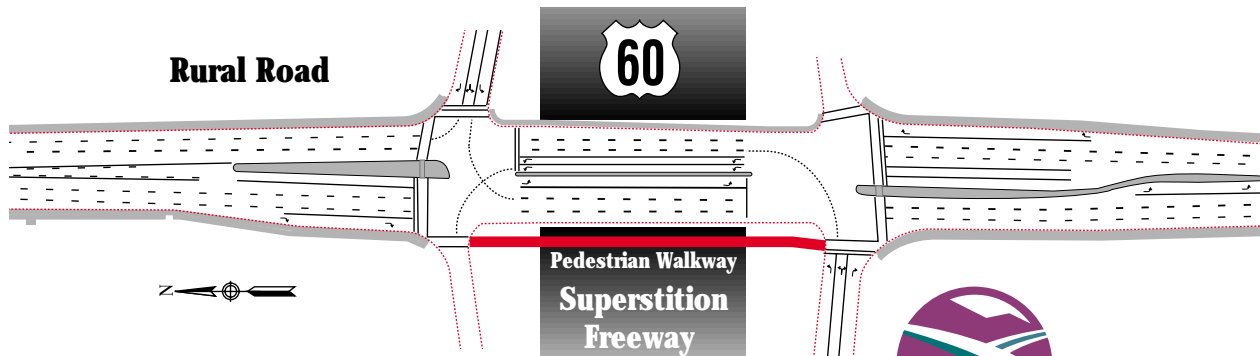
Stand-alone bridges will provide new pedestrian access. Piers in the median of the Superstition Freeway have been extended to the west at Rural and to the east at McClintock. Girders will be set from each side of the freeway to the center piers later this summer and new decks for the walkways will be built. Sidewalks closest to the new walkways will be removed to clear a path for an additional bridge lane, giving northbound

traffic an additional turn lane to the Superstition's westbound lanes.

Work will shift from the side of the new pedestrian structures, to the other side, and be finished with modifications to the bridge medians and installation of new traffic signals.

A northbound lane will be restricted during work on the east side of the bridges. During work on the west side, a southbound lane will be closed. Sidewalks will also be closed during work on each side.

Construction contracts allow 210 calendar days for completion, beginning June 3, '02.



CONTINUING IMPROVEMENTS

New pedestrian walkways and operational improvements for Superstition Freeway crossings at Stapley Road, Gilbert Road, Val Vista Drive and at Higley Road will occur as funding allows.



Construction is nearly finished at both Dobson (above) and Alma School roads where new pedestrian walkways were added to both sides of existing structures over U.S. 60. A single walkway will be added at both Rural Road and McClintock Drive, while the Mesa Drive structure will be widened on both sides to include dual left turn lanes to the freeway, plus enhanced pedestrian facilities.



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